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## WOMAN SLAIN MYSTERIOUSLY BODY FOUND IN EMPTY HOUSE

Victim Gagged With Such Violence That Teeth Were Dislodged—Bruise on Face—No Other Signs of Violence.

Police Believe Murder Was Committed Friday Night in Basement of Unoccupied Building at 216 C Street N. W.

In the basement of an empty house at 216 C street northwest the body of an unidentified woman, who had been murdered, in the belief of the police, was discovered early today.

A large handkerchief had been crammed into her mouth and down her throat with such violence as to dislodge two of her teeth, which were discovered after the handkerchief had been withdrawn.

A severe bruise over an inch in diameter was over her right eye, and a number of smaller marks were about her nose and mouth.

No signs of a struggle were visible in the room and the dust on the floor did not show that anything had been dragged across it. The indications are that the woman offered little, if any, resistance to her assailant.

### MADE BY HERSELF.

Five scratches about the woman's face indicated that she had made them herself while trying to tear the handkerchief from her mouth. The police consider this handkerchief as the main clue to the identity of the woman's assailant. It is a man's size, apparently new, and of very good quality. The examining physician said no evidence of criminal assault was found.

The police are of the opinion that the murder was committed some time Friday night. Residents of the neighborhood say they saw a woman leave the basement by the front door early that evening and a short time later, by way of the rear door. Whether the woman they saw at that time was the one whose body was discovered today they are unable to say.

Robbery was evidently not the motive, for about the dead woman's neck was a gold chain from which hung a small oval-shaped gold locket. She was dressed in a blue serge skirt, a blue waist trimmed with white lace, over which she wore a gray coat with brown lining, and brown cuffs and collar.

On the floor beside the body was a soft black velvet hat, trimmed with large panicles of yellow and blue velvet. The dead woman was lying on her back, her knees straight and her arms slightly extended on either side. The knot of brown hair, liberally sprinkled with gray, was held with pins and was not disarranged.

### Body Found by Woman.

The only article in the front room of the basement where the body was discovered was a small gas stove, on which was a porcelain lamp shade. The police believe that if the room had been the scene of a struggle this would have been knocked to the floor and shattered.

The body was found early this morning by Mrs. M. Kanode, 218 C street northwest. Mrs. Kanode was surprised to see the shutter of the house at 216 C street open, and looking in she saw a prostrate form lying near the center of the room. She notified the police immediately, and they called Constable J. Ramsey. Nevitt ordered it taken to the District Morgue, where a post-mortem examination could be made. It was this examination that developed undisturbed evidences of murder.

## ASKS \$228,000 FOR FRYE FROM GERMANY

United States Files Claim For Destruction of Ship by the Prinz Eitel Friedrich.

America's claim on Germany, on account of the destruction by the Prinz Eitel Friedrich of the William P. Frye was made public this afternoon. It was for \$228,000.54.

Detailed, the statement asks:

For the ship, equipment and outfit, \$150,000.

For the freight charges sacrificed, \$33,750.54.

For expenses, \$500; for Captain Kiehn's personal losses, \$500.

For the loss of the ship's crew, \$37,500.

For the wheat cargo nothing was asked, since it was English-owned.

The communication consisted otherwise of a brief history of the case. It was sent to Ambassador Gerard, with instructions to present it to the Berlin foreign office.

Ambassador Gerard cables that the German foreign office is considering the points of law involved.

## WASHINGTON GIRLS GIVEN REAL CHANCE BY BEAUTY CONTEST

Almost Everybody Wants to Go to Expositions and Opportunity Is Here.

### PICTURES STILL POURING IN

Swains Here Send in Photographs in Hope of Winning Trip for "Their Girls."

Don't you know a beautiful girl who wants to go to the San Francisco and San Diego expositions?

Almost everybody knows some girl who is above the average from the standpoint of beauty and attractiveness, and almost every girl wishes she might go to the great expositions which are being staged now in California.

If you know a girl who has the beauty and also the wish to go West, on a journey which will be both educational and pleasant, why not make an effort to have the dream come true?

The beauty contest inaugurated by The Times—a contest which any girl may enter with propriety—is going to afford a Washington girl an opportunity to see the Pacific coast expositions without any cost whatever to her. If she is pretty enough to be selected by the judges as the most beautiful girl of the National Capital, her beauty alone will carry her across the continent, for The Times will gladly furnish railroad and Pullman transportation, hotel bills and admission tickets to the expositions.

Would Cost Hundreds. It is a trip that would cost the fortunate girl several hundred dollars were she to undertake the journey at her own expense. Many girls of the National Capital, way down in their hearts, hope to be able to get out to the Pacific coast this summer. There is uncertainty about it, however. It's a fair guess, nevertheless, that if any one of these girls were to be apprised some morning that she had been selected to go to the expositions, she would be a very different person.

## ATLANTIC COAST WRECKAGE-STREWN

Steamers Arriving and Wireless Tell of Disasters and Thrilling Rescues in Storm.

Stories of wreck and disaster and thrilling rescue along the Atlantic seaboard from Hatteras northward in the wake of Saturday's storm are pouring into coast guard headquarters today, with the opening of wire communication.

Lookout and Diamond shoals are apparently strewn with wreckage, and spars and pieces of wreckage and cargo are being washed up all along the coast. Prudhoe, every steamer arriving in the Cape is reporting numerous wrecks or rescues, and the wireless is crackling with similar stories.

The steamer El Norte reported this morning by wireless that she passed a vessel bottom up, dragging spars and wreckage, and saw a small boat with a man and a woman clinging to the mast of a wrecked schooner. Today she passed a five-master schooner flying distress signals off New Inlet.

The steamer El Norte reported this morning by wireless that she took the crew off the barge Northwest, which is in a waterlogged condition in latitude 34-09 and longitude 75-56 west. The barge is very dangerous to navigation.

### Rob Roy's Crew Rescued.

Captain Crowley, of the steamer Westlake, reported this morning that he found the schooner Rob Roy waterlogged and abandoned off the Carolina coast, and concluded "I have the crew." This is taken to mean that all were rescued.

Captain Fether, of the Diamond Shoals Lightship, reports a large spar floating to the westward from him, and an upturned lifeboat. Both are dangerous to navigation.

Captain Sandbury, of the steamer Vestal, reports that at 11 o'clock yesterday morning, eleven miles southwest of Cape Lookout Light, he passed a large quantity of lumber and parts of vessels' bulwarks and knees floating.

Captain O'Keefe, of the steamer Mexico, reported this morning that five miles due north of Diamond Shoals Light he passed a mast and much wreckage, apparently attached to a sunken vessel.

Captain Kerbo, of the Coast Guard cutter Seminole, reported this morning that he had destroyed the wreck of the schooner Frederick W. Day.

Breeches Buoy Saves Three Crews. Captain Bowler, in charge of the Provincetown district, reported the thrilling rescue of three large crews Sunday night and this morning by the Highland, High Head, and James River life-saving crews. All three of these barges were washed ashore off Highland Head, and the crews were brought in by breeches buoy. They were the Trundel Ridge, Coterine, and Wanham.

Captain Kerbo, of the steamer Vestal, reported that ten miles from Diamond Shoals Lightship he rescued the crew of the schooner Alice Murthy, which is waterlogged and very dangerous to navigation. A few hours later, twenty-five miles from the lightship, he passed two spars attached to submerged wreckage. A few miles further along he passed a floating deckhouse top.

Captain Chiswell, of the cutter Onondaga, reported this morning that he had anchored the schooner Child Harold safely in Lynn Haven Bay, and had saved the crew of the abandoned schooner Roy Ray.

## DENIES PASSPORTS TO AMERICANS FOR TRAVEL IN EUROPE

State Department Attempts to Keep the Curiosity-Seeker From the War Zone.

### MUST SHOW REAL BUSINESS

Grave Danger of Complications Feared Should Other Lives Be Lost.

The United States Government has reached the decision to deny all passports to Americans desiring to travel in Europe for recreation while the European war is in progress. Unless Americans planning to travel in Europe can show the State Department that they have business in Europe they will not be granted passports.

While not a direct outcome of the killing of Leon C. Thrasher, an American, when the British steamer Falaba was torpedoed by a German submarine, State Department officials admit that Thrasher's death influenced the new passport orders.

Fear Complications. "In the light of the warning this Government gave that it will hold Germany accountable for the death of Americans from the new war zone warfare," one official said, "there is grave danger of international complications if harm comes to Americans."

"No matter what the outcome of the Thrasher case may be, the death of any more Americans from German submarine action would anger the American people to an extent that might seriously strain this country's relations with Germany. The more Americans there are traveling about through the sea and land war zones, the more danger there is that there may be a further loss of American life. For this reason the Government intends to keep the curiosity-seeking tourists out of Europe while the trouble lasts."

The new policy of the State Department came to light when an American business man, who wished to keep his business mission abroad secret, applied for a passport. He said he was going to Europe for "recreation," but when he found he could not obtain a passport for such a mission, he was compelled to divulge the real nature of his mission and on that basis was granted a passport.

## FARE MUST BE PAID IF TRANSFER IS BAD

Associate Justice Robb Upholds Conductor in Putting Man Off.

"If he fails or declines within a reasonable time to pay his fare, after the invalidity of his transfer has been brought to his attention he becomes in fact a trespasser, and the conductor may treat him as such."

Associate Justice Robb of the Court of Appeals laid down this law today in an opinion reversing the judgment of the lower court, which awarded damages to the plaintiff, a passenger, because he was ejected from a street car, although he offered to pay his fare after the conductor had stopped the car to put him off.

Counsel for Brinley contended that the conductor had no right to eject him after he had offered to pay his fare. "Deliberately having assumed the status of a trespasser, he is thereafter in no position to complain because he is treated accordingly," says Justice Robb. "To permit him to do so would be to encourage willfulness and result in the commencement of the process of ejection, to resume the status of a passenger by the tender of his fare would invite attempts at fraud and greatly interfere with the orderly and expeditious running of cars."

Attorney Frank J. Hogan represented the Capital Traction Company.

## 'Chair' Defended By Supreme Court

Highest Tribunal Decides Noose Is Not So Humane or Painless.

Execution is a more humane and less painful method of execution than the noose, the Supreme Court decided today in a unique test case brought by Joe Malloy, a South Carolina colored man, convicted of murder.

Malloy appeared for sentence of electrocution, and contended that the South Carolina law substituting electrocutions for hangings was ex post facto as to him.

The South Carolina courts held that electrocution was less painful, more humane, and less likely to "ameliorate" Malloy's death pangs.

This finding was affirmed today by the Supreme Court. Justice McReynolds gave the opinion.

Kept From Sweetheart.

Boy of 14 Kills Self

## TWO GERMAN SUBMARINES DESTROYED BY BRITISH AEROS

Kaiser's Naval Works at Hoboken, Near Antwerp, Burned to the Ground During Bombardment From the Sky.

Forty Prussian Workmen Killed and 62 Wounded, Says Paris—Allied Airmen Damage Dirigible Hangar.

PARIS, April 5.—Two German submarines were destroyed, a third damaged, and the German submarine yards at Hoboken, near Antwerp, burned to the ground when British airmen bombed the submarine works on March 26, the war office announced this afternoon.

Forty German workmen were killed and sixty-two wounded, says the war office statement.

The German dirigible hangar at Bergheim, in Alsace, has been bombed and seriously damaged by French aviators, the war office also stated. A dirigible inside the hangar was also damaged.

## Austro-Germans Fall Back Before Muscovite Advance on Uzsok Pass

PEIROGRAD, April 5.—The Austro-Germans defending the Uzsok pass were today reported falling back steadily through the mountains to the north and northwest upon their fortified positions in the heights.

A great battle, rivaling the fight for the possession of the Lupkov Pass, is about to begin. The Petrograd newspapers warned the public today that the Russian losses will be large, but declared that before the end of the week the Russian forward movement into Hungary actually will be under way.

Having seized the railway leading through the mountains at the Lupkov Pass, Slav forces are now about to descend into the Labor river valley.

From the west part of the Russian force that passed southward through the Dukla Pass is moving against the Austrians near Mezo Labor. Squeezed between two Russian armies the Austrians must face the danger of annihilation or retire to the south.

## Turk Forts Destroy English Battleship Lord Nelson in Strait

BERLIN (via wireless to Saville), April 5.—The British battleship Lord Nelson was stranded inside the Dardanelles and destroyed by fire from the Turkish forts, according to Athens dispatches received here today.

The Lord Nelson was built in 1896. She had a tonnage of 16,500, was 435 feet long, and 79.5 feet at her beam. She carried a crew of about 865. The Lord Nelson was the first of the Nelson class.

## HIS WEALTH GONE, COMMITTS SUICIDE

Kasson Pierce, Once Rich Manufacturer, Shoots Self in Apartment Here.

William Kasson Pierce, sixty-three years old, formerly a wealthy manufacturer of Syracuse, N. Y., shot and killed himself today in the bathroom of the apartment of his sister-in-law, Mrs. R. H. Lynch, at the Avondale, 1734 P street northwest.

Mrs. Pierce and Mrs. Lynch were in an adjoining room when the shooting occurred. Pierce fired one shot through his temple.

Coroner Nevitt issued a death certificate to the effect that the man killed himself while despondent. A. M. Pauntleroy, who lives in the Avondale, was called in, but too late to give the dying man any assistance. The coroner decided an inquest would not be necessary.

Immediately after the shooting Dr. Pauntleroy, who lives in the Avondale, was called in, but too late to give the dying man any assistance. The coroner decided an inquest would not be necessary.

## JOHNSON AND WILLARD BATTLE FOR THE TITLE IN RING AT HAVANA

FACTS ABOUT TODAY'S CHAMPIONSHIP FIGHT

PRINCIPALS—Jack Johnson, champion heavyweight, and Jess Willard, challenger.  
BETTING ODDS—From 8 to 5 on Willard to 6 to 5 Johnson.  
TIME AND PLACE—Havana at 12:30 p. m. (1 p. m. Washington time.)  
THE GATE—Attendance about 30,000; receipts, over \$100,000.  
JOHNSON'S SHARE—\$30,000 guarantee and 25 per cent of motion picture rights.  
WILLARD'S SHARE—Half of receipts over \$55,000.  
REFEREE—Jack Welsh, of San Francisco.  
WEIGHTS—Johnson, 225; Willard, 245.  
AGE—Johnson, 37; Willard, 29.  
HEIGHT—Johnson, 6 feet 1/2 inch; Willard, 6 feet 6 inches.  
REACH—Johnson, 74 inches; Willard, 83 1/2 inches.  
(The early rounds and possibly the finish of the fight in the event of an early ending will be reported in the home edition of The Times while a complete and detailed story will be published in the 5:30 edition.)

Hundreds Cheer President of Cuba as He Arrives at Scene of Title Battle.

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## ITALIAN CITIES AGAIN SHAKEN BY QUAKES

Strong Shocks Reported From Avezzano to Rieti—Within Fifty Miles of Rome.

ROME, April 5.—Strong earthquake shocks were felt today all over the district from Avezzano to Rieti and within fifty miles of Rome, according to dispatches received here.

A large rock was hurled from the mountains overlooking the village of Petrellari and it is feared the rock may will destroy the town. All the inhabitants have fled.

Avezzano is fifty miles east of Rome and Rieti forty miles to the northeast. Communication with both cities and with several other towns in the region shaken by quakes has been interrupted since early today.

## NEW COAST TO COAST AIRRAIL IS PLANNED

Aero Club Hopes to Have Transcontinental Flight as Summer Event.

NEW YORK, April 5.—The Aero Club has decided to try again to stir up interest among aviators for a transcontinental flight, according to an announcement by Henry Woodhouse. Several times efforts to induce aviators to engage in these cross-country contests have failed. However, it is believed that with the present active interest throughout the country in aviation the invitation to participate will bear fruit this time.

The contest, as the tentative plans provide, is to be part of the ninety-day series of competitions between July 4 and October 4. The club has decided to set aside \$50,000 in prizes for all contests, and the fund is rapidly approaching completion.

Three routes have been mapped, and a chain of landing places and starting places fixed. A prize of \$100 each day will be offered for long distance marks. All flying must end at the completion of ten hours in each day. The object is to eliminate "stunt" flying and bring conditions as close as possible to normal.

Water flying will form a part of the race, and the following cities have been picked out: Portland, Me.; Boston, New York, Providence, New Haven, Norfolk, Charleston, and Savannah. Every naval militia station on both coasts will be made a landing and starting station, and efforts will be made to interest yachtmanship, so that every yacht club may be made a station for gasoline and other supplies. It is hoped the competition will prove to the Postoffice Department the practicability of mail delivery by aeroplane.

## Use Morgan Memorial Pulpit; Gift of the Poor

NEW YORK, April 5.—A memorial pulpit to the late J. P. Morgan, in St. George's church, in Stuyvesant Square, was used for the first time yesterday.

The pulpit, which cost \$5,000, was the gift of the people of the East Side, and was used for the first time yesterday. A book containing the names of all the donors was placed in the pulpit base.

## Rae Tanzer Witness Is Held as Perjurer

NEW YORK, April 5.—Frank D. Safford, Plainfield, N. J., hotel clerk, who identified Attorney James W. Osborne as the mysterious "Oliver Osborne" in Miss Rae Tanzer's suit, was held today for the grand jury on a perjury charge under \$12,000 bonds.

Safford was remanded to the Tombs in default of bail.

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By BARRY FARIS.

HAVANA, April 5 (1:07 p. m.)—Johnson entered the ring. A ripple of cheers that gave way to a real outburst of applause greeted the champion. He acknowledged the cheers on the way to the ring with the famous ivory toothed golden smile.

The champion clambered through the ropes, stretched himself, bowed to the crowd elaborately and began dancing about to test the flooring.

1:15 p. m. Willard entered the ring.

HAVANA, April 5.—At 12:35, twenty-three minutes after the time scheduled for the bout to begin, neither of the fighters had made his appearance in the ring.

The American fans were becoming impatient and showing their anger by stamping and yelling, "Bring them out!"

The Cubans showed their displeasure at the delay by waving sombreros and shouting Spanish expletives. One section of the Cuban stands chanted "musica, musica" at a bull fight, but there was no "musica."

RINGSIDE. HAVANA, April 5.—Youth met experience for the heavyweight championship of the world today beneath skies momentarily threatening rain.

The vast crowd assembled to watch the battle of the Mastodons—Jess Willard, Kansas cowboy, and white hope, 245 pounds of Caucasian brawn, against John Arthur Johnson, title holder, with 230 pounds of ebonyed muscle.

At the time for the fight to begin there were only 10,000 spectators in sight and the advance sale of \$100,000 claimed by the promoters looked mythical.

The movie men and the newspaper photographers at 12:25 began setting up their machines to prepare for the entrance of Willard and Johnson.

CUBANS CHEER PRESIDENT.

President Menocal, of the Cuban Republic, entered a box in the grandstand at about 12:30. He was accompanied by a party of Cuban officials. The Cuban fight fans gave President Menocal a noisy welcome.

Mrs. Johnson, the white wife of the colored champion, was shown a seat at the ringside by Tom Flannigan, Johnson's chief second, at 12:30.

The sun came out at about 12:55, the clouds began to drift away, and there was little likelihood that rain would interfere. Hand-clapping greeted "Old Sol," the Cuban contingent bursting forth in a volume of "bravos!" The Cubans mostly occupied unprotected seats.

Promoter Curley had a row with Mace, the official announcer, and dragged him out of the ring. Curley then put in a substitute.

Big Crowd Is Slow.

The crowd, save for that in the cheaper priced seats, was slow in assembling. The gates had been opened for the general admission seats at 7 a. m. These were filled with 3,000 fans at 11 o'clock.